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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES' REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON
ANGOLAN REFUGEES

REF : LISBON 4711

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TELL COSTA GOMES THAT WE ARE
PREPARED TO ASSIST BY WHATEVER MEANS IS MOST EFFICIENT
IN THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM ANGOLA TO PORTUGAL. WE
WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH A MANDATED
INTERNATIONAL AGENCY LIKE ICEM OR DIRECTLY ON A BILATERAL
BASIS. (FYI: WE HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED THE SOURCE OF
FUNDING. END FYI.)

2. WITH REGARD TO RESETTLEMENT AID FOR REFUGEES REACHING
PORTUGAL, WE ARE READY TO CONSIDER SUCH ASSISTANCE. WE
WOULD PREFER PORTUGAL LAUNCH AN INTERNATIONAL APPEAL

WHICH WOULD PERMIT US TO DISBURSE THROUGH A TRADITIONAL
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INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT AGENCY LIKE ICRC, LIRC OR UNDRO.

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